to the proposed link proposal including air environment, land environment, biological (aquatic & terrestrial) environment and socio-economic environment.

Ganga Flood Control Commission Projects on Flood Crisis in Bihar

†3540. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ganga Flood Control Commission had prepared projects to do away with flood crisis particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects completed till March, 2005 out of them;

(d) total number of remaining projects about which decision have been taken to complete the same during the year 2005-06; and

(e) the reasons for not taking such decision in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) has prepared Comprehensive Plan for Flood Management and sent the same to the concerned State Governments including Bihar for implementation. The Detailed Project Report etc. are prepared by the State Government and sent to GFCC for technical examination as per the guidelines of Planning Commission.

(b) The number of schemes for Bihar included in the 9th and 10th Plan in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States" are 8 nos. and 12 nos. respectively.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government till March 2005, 7 schemes out of 8 schemes of 9th Plan have been completed and 6 schemes out of 12 schemes of 10th Plan have been partially completed.

(d) and (e) As informed by the Government of Bihar the remaining scheme of 9th Plan has not yet been cleared due to certain observations made by Government of Uttar Pradesh which are being attended to by the Government of Bihar. 7 schemes out of 12 schemes of 10th Plan are scheduled to be completed by 2005-06. For the 5 remaining schemes, the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

project reports were submitted by State Government which have been examined in GFCC and comments furnished to the State Government.

In addition to the above, Government of India is rendering assistance to Bihar for maintenance of Kosi Project (Nepal portion) and also for raising and strengthening of embankments of Kamla and Bagmati. For long-term measures of flood management, a Joint Project Office has been opened in Nepal for taking up the field investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-Cum-Diversion Scheme.

Chief Ministers Conference on Inter-Linking of Rivers

3541. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers next month to evolve consensus on programme to inter-link rivers;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has decided to hold bilateral discussions with State concerned to understand and address their apprehensions on issue;

(c) if so, what are main difficulties these State Governments have pointed out to Ministry; and

(d) whether Ministry is prepared to overcome these difficulties of States in implementing the inter-linking of rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) No date has been fixed for holding the meeting with Chief Ministers of States to evolve concensus on inter-linking of rivers. A group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Central Water Commission Chairman, (CWC) in 2002 to arrive at consensus among the States.

Secretary (WR) held a meeting with Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on 11.01.2005 for sorting out issues for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for Ken-Betwa & Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link. The State Governments raised apprehensions on sharing cost of the project, loss of hydropower due to the proposed links, control mechanism for link